

Anderson Council.

ANDERSON, Oct. 10, 1876.

The Council met at Town Hall. Present: the Rev. and entire Council. The minutes of last day were read, and on motion of Mr. Mailloux, seconded by Mr. Reame, they were approved and adopted.

Complaint having been made to the Council at its last session, concerning the River Canard, the following resolution was passed: Moved by Mr. Mailloux, seconded by Mr. Reame, that the Clerk be directed to communicate with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, relative to the obstructions in the River Canard, in the Township of Anderson, County of Essex, and being a navigable stream, that vessels of registered tonnage belonging to Canada and the United States, use it frequently for the purpose of loading and unloading freight, to request of him to have the obstructions complained of removed, as the same are a great impediment to trade and an injury to the community in general. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Reame, seconded by Mr. Borrowman, that Maxime Bizarre having made oath that two of his sheep were destroyed by unknown dogs, which he values at \$5, get a warrant for \$3.33. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mailloux, seconded by Mr. Mailloux, that Samuel Laferty having made oath that two of his sheep were destroyed by unknown dogs, which he values at \$5, get a warrant for \$3.33. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Reame, seconded by Mr. Mailloux, that Thos. Maloché be paid \$5.40, from statute labor fund, for lumber furnished for job in 8th concession. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Borrowman, seconded by Mr. Mailloux, that the Council meet at the 4th concession, at P. P. Delaney's, on Saturday next, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of seeing the paper of having the surplus water carried off. Carried.

M. L. O'Dette made application for remuneration, special assessment, Union School, North Division, \$5. Laid over. Moved by Mr. Reame, seconded by Mr. Mailloux, that the following warrant be issued by the Reeve be approved of, viz:

Selection of Jurors, \$4 each: Robert Fryer, job 10th concession, \$20; Thomas Ouellette, lumber, \$4.50; Jacques Dubonnet, cutting Canada thistles, \$4; Charles Smith, job 7th concession, \$15.00; Robert Fryer, lumber, \$9; Jos. Daucy, job 2d concession, \$18; Jacques Lafontaine, job, \$3.75; James Walsh, tap drain, \$37.48; Frank Lamine, tap drain, \$20.25; and the following bills be passed: Joe Grouin, job 2d concession, \$21.50; Jos. Grouin, job 2d concession, \$2.50; Sarahine Dupuis, bridge, \$4; Prosper Min, job, \$3d concession, \$4; Jos. Dufour, job, 6th and 7th concessions, \$3.35; Peter Dufour, 16 rods ditching, \$5; Peter Dufour, bridge, 7th concession, \$5.85; William Borrowman, Secretary, P. L. Board, \$35; Charles O'Rourke, cutting Canada thistles, \$4; G. W. Mack, affidavit, \$1; L. Benetueu, cutting Canada thistles, \$4.50; each Councillor, \$1 for each day's attendance and \$10 for travelling expenses for seeing to the sale of jobs &c.; Division Registrar, \$10. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Mailloux, seconded by Mr. Borrowman, that the Council adjourn to the 1st Saturday in November next, to meet at the Town Hall, at 2 o'clock p. m. Carried.

J. S. EUGENE MAILLUX, Clerk.

Vampirism in Servia.

In Servia, as in most Slavonic countries, exists a popular belief in vampires, dead folk who quit their graves at night to torment the living. The signs by which the vampire is known are the preservation of the body for a long time after it should have decayed, the fluidity of the blood and the suppleness of the limbs. Prosper Merimee, in the course of his travels, was the witness of a case of alleged vampirism, which he describes as follows:

In 1810 I was travelling on foot in Vargaz, and chanced to stop at the little village of Vargaz. My host was one Vock Pogonovich, well-to-do fellow, a good fellow and sufficiently drunken. His wife was yet young and fair, and his daughter, a girl of sixteen, charming. I would have remained with him several days, in order to study the ruins in the neighborhood, but he would not rent me a room, insisting that I should be his guest, and as this involved holding my own with him at the wine after dinner, the relation was not particularly pleasant.

One evening the woman had left us about an hour, and to avoid being compelled to drink, I was stung by my host, when we were startled by the most fearful cries from the sleeping apartment, which as is the custom of the country, was occupied by the whole household in common. Arming ourselves, we hurried thither, and beheld a frightful sight—the mother, pale as lead, holding her still more pallid daughter, who was stretched on her straw bed as if dead. The woman was shrieking, without pause, "A vampire! a vampire! my poor child is dead!"

With great difficulty we restored Khava to consciousness; she said, she said, she said the window opened, and a man, pale as ashes, and wrapped in a winding sheet, had flung himself upon her, bitten her, and strangled her. She was only able to shriek aloud when the spectre fled, and she swooned away, but she fancied that she had recognized in its features those of a villager named Wiczeany, dead about a fortnight. There was a small red spot on her throat, but I did not know whether it might not be a natural mark or the result of the bite of an insect during the girl's nightmarish. When, however, I hazarded this conjecture the father rejected it utterly; the girl wept piteously, and wringing her hands to and fro, kept repeating: "Alas! To die so young and before one's wedding day!" while the mother loaded me with reproaches, declaring that she had herself seen the vampire, and knew it to be Wiczeany. I considered it, therefore, the part of prudence to be silent. All the amulets in the village were soon hung round the sufferer's neck, and her father took an oath that next day he would disinter the corpse of Wiczeany and burn it. Thus the night passed in an excitement that nothing could allay.

At daybreak next morning the whole village was out, the men armed with muskets or hangers, the women bearing heated irons, and the children staves and stones. With cries of rage against the dead man they all thronged to the graveyard; it was with great difficulty that I could obtain and retain a position whence I could witness the ceremony of exhumation. It was slow, for as all strove to take part in it, each interfered with the other, and not a few serious wounds would have been inflicted by pick or shovel had not the elders ordered two men only to complete the work. At the moment that the shroud was unrolled a horrible cry fairly raised my hair on end. It proceeded from a woman at my side. "It is a vampire!" she shrieked; "the worms have not eaten it!" and her words were taken by a hundred mouths. Twenty muskets shattered the head of the corpse to fragments, while the father and relatives of Khava hacked the body savagely with their long knives, and the women dipped linen cloths into the blood that oozed from the wounds to apply to the sufferer's throat. The body was dragged from the grave and tied to the trunk of a small tree that had been cut down and prepared, then drawn to the edge of Pogonovich, where a pile of logs and straw had been erected. Fire was set to it, and the body tossed into the flames, while the people, yelling madly, danced about the pyre. The combustible

stench from the burning flesh soon compelled me to take refuge in the house.

The house was crowded with visitors, the men all puffing at their pipes, the women all speaking at a time and overwhelming with questions the sick girl who sat pale and stupefied, the blood-soaked bandages round her neck forming a ghastly contrast with her white, half-naked shoulders. Little by little the crowd diminished till we were left alone. Khava grew more and more uneasy as night came on, and insisted that some one should watch by her bedside constantly. As her parents were worn out with fatigue and excitement.

I shall never forget the night I spent by the bedside of this unfortunate girl. The creaking of a board, the very murmur of the wind made her start and shudder. She could not fall into a dose without seeing visions of horror, and from time to time would waken with a fearful start and a cry of anguish. She had had one horrible dream, and the village gossip had succeeded in completing the ruin of her mind by narrating to her all the frightful stories about vampires that they could remember or invent. Often as she felt her eyes closed, she would say to me, "For God's sake, do not sleep! Take my room; in one hand and your sabre in the other and watch over me!" Nor would she sleep save with her two hands locked about my arm, locked so tightly that the convulsive grip of her fingers would leave livid marks in my flesh. Nothing could distract her mind; she was abjectly afraid of death, and believed that she must certainly perish. In a few days she was shockingly thin; her lips were colorless and livid; her great black eyes seemed even larger and more brilliant; she was a pitiable thing to see.

I tried to impress her imagination by feigning to believe as she did, but, unhappily, as I had at last decided her credulity, I could not easily gain her confidence. I told her, however, that I was possessed of a patent charm against evil spirits, and that, if she desired it, I would pronounce it. At first her natural unselishness and gentleness would not permit her to allow me to draw the wrath of heaven on myself, but, finally, the fear of death overcame her scruples and she implored me to try my spell. I pronounced loudly and solemnly some lines of Racine as an invocation; then, after rubbing her neck, pretended to draw therefrom a small agate I had concealed between my fingers, and assured her gravely that I had removed the source of her illness and that she was saved. But, with a sad smile, she said: "You have deceived me; you had that stone in a little casket; I had seen it before. You are not a magician." Thus my ruse did her more harm than good. From that moment she grew worse rapidly.

On the night before her death she said to me, "If I die it is my own fault. My lover (and she named one of the young men of the village) wished me to elope with him, but I would not and asked him to bring me a silver chain, which he brought. He said to me, 'I will be with you.' Next day she made her father promise himself to cut her throat and open her veins after her death, that she might not become a vampire; she would have no other hand but his to comb her these needless atrocities. Then, embracing her mother, she desired her to take a rosary to the tomb of a local hermit, or saint, there to sanctify it; then to bring it back to her. I could not fail to admire this peasant's thoughtfulness in finding such a pretext to keep her mother from witnessing her dying agonies.

She took an agate from her neck and gave it to me. "Keep it," she said; "and may it do you more good than it has done me." She then received the sacrament devoutly. Shortly thereafter her breathing became more difficult and her eyes glazed. Suddenly she seized her father's arm and made an effort as if to cast herself upon his breast; then, ceased to live. Her sickness had lasted eleven days.

A few hours later I had left the village behind me, consigning heartily to the devil, vampires, and all who believe in them.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A tomb of mummies has been discovered in Peru. Daniel Knittel died at Fon du Lac Wis, last week, in great apparent destitution, and his body was found covered with a horde of hungry rats. He kept an old cobblers shop, which he occupied as a repair shop, eating and sleeping apartment. He never bought clothing and but little food. He had \$200 in cash, and \$20,000 worth of city property, which he would to three nephews in Germany, leaving his body to be buried by the St. Joseph's Benevolent Association at that Society's expense. He made his money selling whiskey during the war.

A triple murder occurred in Bucksport, Maine, on the 13th. The victims are an aged man, named Trim, his daughter, Mrs. Thayer, and her little girl. Trim's house and buildings were burned. His remains were found in the debris. A bloody trail was found leading from the house to the barn, and his daughter was murdered, and the bodies dropped to the barn. Plunder is supposed to have been taken from the house. A man named Frank Landers has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the deed.

A smuggling operation on an extensive scale was discovered in New York on the 12th. A jeweler, named Goldschmidt, of Bavaria, failing shortly to America, leaving his wife to follow with his valuables. These, to the value of \$20,000, she endeavored to smuggle. The inspectors discovered about \$20,000 worth of goods in what are called "two protruberances of a bulbous form," covering her breast. We suppose that means a false bosom. The Bavarian creditors have attached the goods, but they are now in the hands of the United States Custom authorities, where they are likely to remain.

"Awful Gardiner," says the San Francisco Chronicle, was once a well-known capitalist and sporting character in New York. On one occasion he went to New York with a "select party" to give a sparkling exhibition. The negro who had charge of the hall where the show was to take place was of gigantic stature, and one of the party wagged a bottle of wine that "Awful Gardiner" could not knock the negro down with his fist. They all waited in the hall for the coming of the sated janitor with lights. He approached with a candle shaded in his hand, and as he came within arm's reach, the "Awful" measured him and struck square from the shoulder. The negro hardly winked. He simply turned his head round toward the pugilist and said, "Gentlemen, please be a little careful of yer elbows."

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Oct. 4, 1876. v1-1y

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Province of Ontario, BY virtue of a warrant issued under the hand of the Warden and County of Essex, Seal of the Corporation of the County of Essex aforesaid, bearing thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and to be directed, as Treasurer of said County, commanding me, under the authority of an Act of Parliament of the Province of Ontario, passed in the thirty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, chapter thirty-six, entitled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the law respecting the assessment of property in the Province of Ontario," to levy upon the several lots or parcels of lands respectively hereinafter mentioned and described for the arrears of taxes due thereon, together with my costs, I hereby give notice that, unless the said arrears and costs be sooner paid, I shall on THURSDAY, the THIRTIETH DAY OF NOVEMBER next, at the hour of 12 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Court House of the County of Essex, proceed to sell by Public Auction the said lots or parcels of lands, or so much of each of them respectively as shall be sufficient to discharge the said arrears of taxes and all lawful charges incurred in or about the sale, and the collection of the said taxes as the law requires.

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